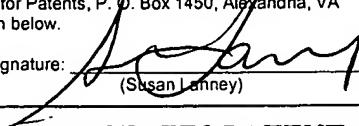


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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Final Office Action, mailed on May 18, 2005, in connection with the above application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on November 18, 2005, and was received by the USPTO on November 21, 2005. Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time to file the Brief on Appeal. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently. In lieu of filing a Brief on Appeal, Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination herewith.

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